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Abstract of the Disclosure

An ammonia decomposition catalyst wherein a first catalyst having a crystalline silicate which is represented by the formula in terms of molar ratio of oxides as dehydrated:

 $(1\pm0.8)R_2O \cdot [aM_2O_3 \cdot bM'O \cdot cAl_2O_3] \cdot ySiO_2$

wherein R denotes an alkaline metal ion and/or hydrogen ion, M denotes a VIII group element, rare earth element, titanium, vanadium, chromium, niobium, antimony or gallium, M' denotes magnesium, calcium, strontium or barium, a≥0, 20>b≥0, a+c=1, 3000>y>11 or a specific porous material as a carrier and iridium or a noble metal as an active metal is present together with or covered with a second catalyst having at least one element selected from the group consisting of titanium, vanadium, tungsten and molybdenum, if necessary, as well as a method of using the same.